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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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March 12, 1979

TO: The Deputy Secretary

FROM: HA - Patricia M. Derian

SUBJECT: Argentine Lists

Mark L. Schneider received the lists of Argentine political prisoners and disappeared on your behalf at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs. I had intended to go but the White House meeting pre-empted that time slot. An updated list of 13,000 individuals who were detained or disappeared was received from the Argentine Information Service Center; a list of 610 detained or disappeared Argentine Jews was received from the American Jewish Committee; and a list of 4,381 disappeared individuals was received from the Argentine Permanent Assembly for Human Rights.

The COHA board requested that we transmit the lists to the Argentine government, seek the release of those who might be detained and an accounting for the disappeared.

I would hope that we would send this list on to the government of Argentina, indicating our continuing concern. I am sending a copy of this memorandum and the lists to Ambassador Vaky for transmittal to the Argentine government, either through the embassy in Washington or through our own embassy in Buenos Aires, as was done a year ago.

These lists underline the human tragedy which continues in Argentina. Many of the persons listed as disappeared (Amnesty International's list is at 15,000) were heads of family. Not only are they the victims but their families are as well. One day a husband and father goes off to work and never returns. I hope that we can say that every means available is being used to persuade the Argentine government to alter its systematic pattern of abuse.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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